

1 **SEC. 8. Publication clause.** This act, being deemed of immediate
2 importance, shall be in full force and effect from and after its pub-
3 lication in the Des Moines Capital and the Des Moines Register, news-
4 papers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 18, A. D. 1923.

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W. C. RAMSAY, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 39

DEAD BODIES

H. F. 425

AN ACT to regulate the disinterment of dead bodies of human beings and opening of
caskets containing the same or autopsy thereon, without a permit therefor and pro-
viding penalty for the violation of this act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 **SECTION 1. Disinterment of dead bodies.** It shall be unlawful for
2 any person, firm, corporation or committee to disinter the dead body
3 of any human being or to open the casket or coffin of such dead body
4 after burial, or to permit an autopsy thereon, or to aid, assist, en-
5 courage or to incite any of the foregoing prohibited acts, except upon
6 written application to the state board of health of the state of Iowa
7 or the district court of the county in which the body is buried, and
8 the procuring of a written permit for such disinterment.

1 **SEC. 2. Application for permit.** All applications for permits shall
2 specify:

3 1. If it is the request of the next of kin, which shall include either
4 the husband or wife of the deceased.

5 2. Cause of death.

6 3. Date of death.

7 4. Age at death.

8 5. Specific cause for application being made for such permit.

9 6. Other pertinent information as may be required by the state
10 board of health, or the district court.

1 **SEC. 3. Issuance of permit.** The state board of health or district
2 court shall thoroughly investigate the reasons set forth in the appli-
3 cation, and in issuing a permit the board or district court shall give
4 proper respect for the dead, due regard for the feelings of the rela-
5 tives and friends, careful consideration for the protection of the public
6 health and public welfare, and in no case shall the board issue a permit
7 except under circumstances of extreme exigency.

1 **SEC. 4. Disinterment for autopsy.** Permits for the disinterment of
2 the human dead shall be issued for the purpose of performing an
3 autopsy thereon only when such person met death under circumstances

4 as to cause the belief that such person met death through foul play
5 or the wrongful act of another.

1 **SEC. 5. Penalty.** A violation of any of the provisions of this act
2 shall be a felony, and any person found guilty thereof shall be pun-
3 ished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding
4 two (2) years, or be fined not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars
5 (\$2500) or both such fine and imprisonment.

1 **SEC. 6. Applicability of act.** This act shall not apply to county
2 coroners acting under or pursuant to statutes prescribing the powers
3 and duties of that official, nor to the district court in actions at law
4 or in equity pending in said court, nor the next of kin of deceased.

1 **SEC. 7. Indefinite repeal.** All acts or parts of acts in conflict with
2 this act or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 4, A. D. 1923.

CHAPTER 40

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

H. F. 520

AN ACT to amend section five (5), chapter three hundred nine (309), acts of the thirty-seventh general assembly (C. C. 1383), relating to the compensation of the board of dental examiners.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 **SECTION 1. Compensation.** That section five (5), chapter three
2 hundred nine (309), acts of the thirty-seventh general assembly (C. C.
3 1383), be and the same hereby is amended by inserting after the word
4 "and" and before the word "the" in line eight (8) of said section the
5 words "in addition thereto".

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